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MORNING HIGHLIGHTS UPDATE

Plenty of prescribed fire activity will be occurring today and through the weekend. See the prescribed fire update below.

Morning Highlights will be posted by 11:00 a.m., Monday-Friday. During times of significant fire activity, this report may be posted seven days a week.

The purpose of Morning Highlights is to supplement the information found in the AICC Situation report (see "Additional References" for the link), and provide direction to other sources of information. Any breaking news that occurs after 11:00 a.m. will be posted in a news release on the front page of the AICC website.

BURN PERMITS

Burn permits are issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry. To obtain burn permits and information, please contact your local Division of Forestry office:

Fairbanks Area:	907-451-2626
Delta Area:	907-895-2106
Tok Area:	907-883-5134
Mat-Su District:	907-761-6312
Kenai-Kodiak Area:	907-260-4269
Valdez/ Copper River Area:	907-822-5536
Northern Southeast Area (Skagway/ Haines):	907-766-2120

For additional State of Alaska burn permit information, please visit: http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/burnpermits.htm

*In Anchorage, please contact the Anchorage Fire Department's Wildfire Mitigation Office at 267-5020.

PRESCRIBED FIRE UPDATE

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service (AFS) in cooperation with the U.S. Army Alaska will continue to conduct prescribed burns as weather permits on Fort Richardson, Fort Wainwright, and on the Donnelly Training Range near Delta Junction today through the weekend. Today, the Bolio Lakes area in the Donnelly Training Area outside of Delta Junction will be burned. Tomorrrow, burning will occur on the Oklahoma Range and continue in the Bolio Lakes area. The Small Arms Range on Fort Wainwright will also be burned tomorrow. On Fort Richardson, burns on the Three Ranges, Malemute Drop Zone and Small Arms Complex are planned for May 10, 11 and 12 respectively.

AFS in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers, will, weather permitting, initiate a prescribed burn in the Chena Lakes Flood Control Project starting today. Please see the following news release: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/05-06-08%20Chena%20Lakes%20Prescribed%20Burns%20Planned.pdf For more information about AFS prescribed burns, please visit the AICC home page.

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See ADDITIONAL REFERENCES on next page ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/
 - o Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
 National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov/
 Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov/

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